

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. The pending claims 1 – 10 are now being considered on their merits for the first time since the Office has acknowledged Applicants request to withdraw claims 11 – 17 in response to the election required by the Office.
2. The drawings were objected under 37 CFR 1.83(a) since firing pin 51 is generally indicated in Fig 4 and recited as the firing pin member in claim 6 is not shown explicitly. Claim 6 has been cancelled to expedite the prosecution of the case since the presently claimed invention is a currently significant Army product soon to be fielded in theater. Since claim 6 is being cancelled, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings no longer stand.

Claims 1 – 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 primarily for lack of antecedents in claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 aptly pointed out by the Examiner. These problems have now been addressed so that the claimed invention is recited more clearly.

The statement that claims 1 – 10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph is acknowledged by Applicants and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The art cited to disclose state of the art primer feed mechanisms has also been considered by Applicants but is not seen to stand in the way of allowing the pending claims.

In view of the forgoing favorable action is earnestly solicited so that the case may pass to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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